

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/IB2004/003310

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12N1/20 C12Q1/68 A61K39/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, Sequence Search, EMBASE, BIOSIS, WPI Data, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>DATABASE EMBL 'Online! 21 October 2001 (2001-10-21), "Bacteroides sp. 0103 800 partial 16S rRNA gene, strain 0103 800" XP002313696 retrieved from EBI accession no. EM_PRO:BSP416906 Database accession no. AJ416906 the whole document</p> <p>----- -/--</p>	1-3,5,11

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X	<p>WO 03/054755 A (HARDHAM JOHN MORGAN ;  KRISHNAN RAJENDRA (US); PFIZER PROD INC  (US); DR) 3 July 2003 (2003-07-03)  page 48, line 30 - page 53, line 24  claims 1-15</p>	1-3,5, 11-29
X	<p>-&amp; DATABASE Geneseq 'Online!  25 March 2004 (2004-03-25), "Porphyromonas  gulae B69 16S rRNA DNA."  XP002313698  retrieved from EBI accession no.  GSN:ADH52847  Database accession no. ADH52847  the whole document</p>	1-3,5,11
A	<p>PASTER B J ET AL: "Bacterial diversity in  human subgingival plaque"  JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, WASHINGTON, DC,  US,  vol. 183, no. 12, June 2001 (2001-06),  pages 3770-3783, XP002237325  ISSN: 0021-9193  page 3780, left-hand column, paragraph 3 -  page 3782, last paragraph</p>	1-35
A	<p>WO 99/08691 A (SPACCIAPOLI PETER ; NELSON  ERIC (US); PERIODINTIX INC (US); FRIDEN  PHI) 25 February 1999 (1999-02-25)  page 5, line 19 - page 6, line 6  examples 2-4  claims 1-30</p>	1-35

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 5-6, 30-33 completely, 1-4, 11-29 partially

isolated pigmented anaerobic bacterium characterized by a 16S rRNA DNA sequence at least 95 % homologous to SEQ 3, 6, 9, 10 or 13, or a biologically pure culture of said bacteria. An immunogenic composition comprising said bacterium, a vaccine made thereof, and methods for treating, preventing or diagnosing periodontal disease in companion animals

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2. claims: 7-8, 34 completely, 1-4, 11-29 partially

same as for invention 1 but with 16S rRNA sequences at least 95 % homologous to SEQ 4.

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3. claims: 9-10, 35 completely, and 1-4, 11-29 partially

same as for invention 1 but with 16S rRNA sequences at least 95 % homologous to SEQ 5.

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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**Although claim 18 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.**
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- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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